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ALMA

Forty-four Fathers supplied at Xmas. Every available priest went out, leaving only two at home(one for the Community Mass, and one for the Mass for externs, said each Sunday at 9:30.

During the Xmas vacations Fr. Hubbard gave a lecture and movie on Attu.

Yehudi Menhuin was prevented by flu from attending the Midnight Mass; his wife came instead. His concert for the theologians was postponed.

Dec. 31. Accompanied by Fr. Chas. Robinson, a Navy chaplain of the Miss. Province, Fr. Meany of the New York Province, gave a talk on the South Pacific, where he was wounded.

Dec. 31. Fr. Moore and Br. Finnegan gave a report on Shanghai. Some of the theologians received letters brought over on the "Gripsholm."

Jan. 1. Mr. Edward Lindekugel was appointed beadle of the theologians; Mr. Patrick Devlin became sub-beadle.

Mr. Wm. Costello went to Los Angeles for a short rest.

The trees in the outfield of the theologians' ball park are being trimmed and cleared to enlarge the diamond.

Jan. 15. Fr. Malone and Mr. Playoust attended the Classical Meeting at the University of California.

Continuing their wookly work at El Retiro, a group of theologians painted and waxed the halls and assembly room of the retreatants' building.

EL RETIRO

The Annual Communion Mass of the Retreat Association will be celebrated on Passion Sunday at the Cathedral, San Francisco. His Excellency will say the Mass. The Communion Breakfast will be held at the Palace Hotel. Br. Joe Pereira, who celebrates his Golden Jubilee this summer, will be the guest of honor at the breakfast. Father Assistant will give a special talk for the occasion. The retreatants plan to signalize Br. Pereira's Jubilee by donating on that day enough to provide a new and larger kitchen and dining room at El Retiro. The gift is appropriate, as Br. Pereira has for years toiled in a tiny kitchenette to provide good meals for groups which numbered 40, or 60 and even more.

Andrew J. Conway has been succeeded as president of the Catholic Laymen's Retreat Association, by Edmund Scott, of Redwood City.

During the past year, 300 service men were guests at the various retreats. The total for laymen making retreats was over 2500.

At the annual meeting of the Association at El Retiro, a goodly welcome was accorded to Fr. Joseph Stack, who established El Retiro in 1925.

During he Xmas holidays the floors of 25 rooms in the dormitory building were painted. All the vines were removed from the chapel, as they were getting into the stucco and had clogged the gutters. The roofs of the patio were cleaned and debris removed from the patio. Blankets, pillows, counterpanes and shower curtains were cleaned; this season is the only one in the year, when such work can be done.

For 1944 a full year of 49 retreats has been scheduled.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

At the end of January 32 members of the ASTP engineering unit were graduated. A banquet was held Jan. 25, to which the faculty was invited.

The Army students have received permission to organize a baseball team and engage once a week in outside competition.

Three of the four "igloo" buildings on the campus are fast nearing completion.

Fr. Rector attended a two-day educational conference at UCLA, and reported it one of the most successful of the recent series of such meetings.

Fr. Connolly is attending an educational conference in Cincinnati, which is expected to last three weeks.

Fr. Peter Brooks, former Missouri

Provincial, visited Loyola for several days.

Lt. Laurence B. Assell, of the class of '43, was killed in a bomber crash in New Mexico.

Jack Heffernan, Flight Officer in the RCAF, a former Loyola hockey player, is reported missing in action over Germany.

Lt. Col. Kenney Dessert has received the Silver Star to add to his four previous citations.

LOYOLA HIGH

In the American History Contest, sponsored by the Los Angeles Examiner, six Loyola High boys won places, and earned a set of reference books for Loyola High. The Catholic High Schools won 20 of the 35 prizes.

Chaplain Edward Maginnis gave the Sodalists a talk about his experiences, and then made his retreat at the High School.

In the Essay Contest on the Bill of Rights, sponsored by the Los Angeles Examiner, only two Catholic students won prizes; they were two Loyola Sophomores, who received third and fourth prizes.

During the Xmas vacation, Fr. Duce and the principals of St. Ignatius, Bellarmine and Loyola met at Loyola High.

The Sodalists held a Day of Recollection, with 67 attending the conferences of Fr. Zeman.

At the second "Fathers' Night," athletic letters were distributed to all the football players. Mr. Curran's intramural boxing team staged excellent bouts.

At the second Parent-Teachers' Night, arranged by Fr. Von der Ahe, the parents discussed their sons and their problems with the teachers.

Fr. Albert O'Hara is advising Fox Movie Company on Chinese Mission scenes in the film, "The Keys of the Kingdom." Fr. Parsons rewrote the script and eliminated all objectionable features.

Fr. Moore addressed the Gold Cross Mothers, and also the Sodalists.

So far the basketball team has won 14 out of 16 games.

Three of the teachers were down with the flu at the same time, which considerably cramped the teaching schedule.

Fr. Ransford has bravely accepted the misfortune which has resulted in an artificial right eye.

Fr. Austin Schmidt of the Loyola Press, Chicago, was at the High School for a few days' rest. He was eager to meet Fr. Dignan, who had given him an $8000 order for Catholic grammar school books.

LOS GATOS

Fr. Stephan J. Meany, chaplain from the New York Province, wounded in one of the Gilbert Island battles, visited the Novitiate.

Jan. 1. Fr. Moore, accompanied by Br. Finnegan, gave a talk on his recent experiences in China and on the homeward voyage.

Jan. 5. Patrick Cloud from Los Angeles, and Patrick Deignan from San Francisco, began their novitiate.

Jan. 9. Fr. Stack spoke about preaching and giving retreats.

Jan. 16. Fr. Hubbard gave a lecture.

Fr. Collins has been appointed to give a 30-day retreat to the Christian Brothers at Napa.

Correction. Credit for some of the chapel improvements should be given as follows: The Venetian blinds and the ceiling lights and ventilators were put in by Fr. Joseph King. (By the way, the ventilators do not work, and never did.) Fr. King is also responsible for the liturgical altars insofar as the plans were started under his regime. The altars were installed under Fr. Daze. Fr. Daze bought the new pipe organ with money collected mostly by Fr. King.

SAN FRANCISCO

Feb. 2. Fr. Raber pronounces his Last Vows along with Frs. Kilp, O'Farrell and Br. Connolly.

Fr. Largan has been added to the community to help out in the shortage caused by sickness in faculty members. Several were in the hospital because of the flu.

The privilege of flying the Treasury Flag was granted to the High School, because 90% of the student body has bought War Stamps or Bonds. The equivalent of 16 jeeps has already been bought, and due recognition given by the government.

Garrett McEnerney, a former student of both high school and college, has been appointed to the Board of Education for the San Francisco schools.

"You Can't Take It With You," a 3-act play, was put on by the high school to obtain funds for a gymnasium. Each year a substantial amount has been received in this way from the sale

of tickets, ads and donations.

The new quarter opened in the ASTP with 350 students. One section is on first level; six, on second level.

George Ososke, former athlete of prominence, has been appointed Chief Probation Officer in the Juvenile Court.

Fr. Carroll O'Sullivan went in January to Arizone for a few months' rest. A layman has been engaged to carry on his chemistry classes.

BELLARMINE PREP

Jan. 13. Bellarmine Dads' Club and the Mothers' Guild had a joint dinner meeting in the Boys' Dining Hall. At the dinner, February 24 was announced as the date for the Dads' Retreat at El Retiro. Both the dinner and the retreat will be annual events.

Extensive improvements on the campus grounds are well under way. The Great Lakes and Mud Flats will be things of the past. Saratoga slag will be put on all the drive ways and the school yard. The new entrance at Emory and Elm corner is already in use. The garden in front of the Faculty House is being arranged and will be twice its former size. Our Lady's Shrine is to be moved. More lawn is to be planted. Not all the trees are to be cut, Bellarmine's seventeen acres will still be beautifully wooded.

In January, Fr. Butler gave two triduums at Providence Hospital, one for the graduating nurses, the other for the freshmen nurses.

The Sodality is engaged in drives to raise money to send delegates to a Summer School of Catholic Action. Each member of the Literature Committee has adopted a service man, and is praying for him and writing letters to him.

Fr. Healy's boxing class for Freshmen receives instruction twice a week from Ed Howe, a professional trainer. Upper classmen are anxious to join the class.

Drapes for the boys' rooms were sewn by the mothers. The Bellarmine Mothers' Guild is sponsoring a rummage sale in San Jose to increase the Campus Improvement Fund.

Fr. Bourret's Physics Academy is working on the construction of a recording machine.

SANTA CLARA

Under the direction of Fr. Schmidt, Sodality activities continue: There is a discussion club in medical ethics for the pre-meds. Another group is discussing Christian Marriage. The Eucharistic Committee continues its studies of the Mass, and sponsors a weekly Dialogue Mass.

Once a month part of the choir goes with Fr. Bacigalupi and Mr. Fischer to sing at Agnew's.

Jan. 17. Fr. Moore addressed the general meeting of all the Sodalists.

Fr. Gianera went East to the meetings of the Association of American Colleges and the JEA.

Jan. 13. Fr. Hubbard lectured at St. Joseph's College, Mountain View. The lecture was arranged by Fr. Provincial, and evoked letters of appreciation from Msgr. Harold Collins, the Archbishop's secretary.

Fr. Hubbard lectured at Gilroy for the 125th Infantry.

During the illness of Dr. Gerlach, Dr. Amaral has been acting as school physician.

Fr. Schmidt, as Auxiliary Chaplain, has started his weekly afternoon Mass for the Army students.

CHAPLAINS

Our chaplains have been responsible for the building of chapels. Fr. Gaffney has been working at a post, the largest of its kind in the country, and the only one of its kind without a chapel. He represented the matter to the C. O., and if we are correctly informed, the Chapel is now being built.

Fr. Stretch is working in a very large hospital, where there was no chapel. He had an interview iwth the colonel for three hours and a half. When he left late that night, he had won permission for the chapel. The chapel has two living rooms, one for the Catholic and one for the Protestant Chaplain; a reading room for the soldiers; and the large hall for the services. The building is in a central place, convenient for all.

Fr. Kavanagh's outfit has moved northward with the advance of the Americans. New quarters had to be built; none were provided for the chapel. Mass could not be said in the open, because of the constant heavy downpour of rain. He once used the hospital quarters, but the sick were moved in before the Mass was over. He once tried the mess-hall, but there was too much irreverence from the non-Catholics. He then went to work himself with some of the service men, cleared a place in the jungle, and built a respectable chapel of branches and canvas, with white duck for the sanctuary. Now Mass is said daily, instead of on Sundays only.

Fr. Carr has gone overseas.

Fr. Deasy is stationed in New York. For some months he will have care of men who are constantly being moved out into action. His own "ship" does not sail.

Fr. O'Mara heard soldiers' confessions from 5:15 p.m. Xmas Eve until he came out on the stage for Midnight Mass. The theatre was packed. A Jewish friend volunteered to play the piano for the hymns. An Irish tenor from the Bronx sang the solos. The soldiers sang four Xmas hymns. They rehearsed them before Mass and put themselves still more in the spirit of Xmas, they sang them again during the Mass itself. Almost the same number of men came back to Mass on the Sunday following Xmas. Father's parting wish at the Midnight Mass had been that he could see a like crowd present at the 11 o'clock Mass on Sundays. He was naturally tired in giving the sermon at the Midnight Mass; inspired by the large crowd at the Sunday Mass he gave a real Xmas sermon.

VARIA

In mid-January, V. R. Fr. Assistant was at Oak Park, Ill.

Fr. Parish spent his hospital experiment at St. Luke's Hospital, Pittsfield, Mass. Besides the usual spiritual ministrations of a priest, he acted as Santa Claus for the patients in the chidren's ward.

Fr. John Martin is attending classes in Fordham's Education Building. Formerly the property of the Astor Estate, it is a fifteen-story structure. Fr. Martin's studies take him from the fourth to the tenth floor.

Tertians in Lent.

Fr. Callahan, Santa Barbara.

Fr. Guenther, San Francisco Hosp.

Fr. Hauck, San Francisco.

Fr. Lucy, Hollywood.

Fr. O'Rourke, Phoenix.

Fr. Rooney, San Francisco.

Fr. Silva, San Jose.

Fr. Mayagoitia, San Diego.

In December Fr. Pena preached a triduum to the Mexicans in preparation for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The feast came on a Sunday, Dec. 12th, when a Solemn High Mass was sung at Holy Family Church, San Jose. A beautiful Mexican procession in native costumes brought the young people from the school building to the church. A picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe was brought to the altar rail. After the Mass, all the girls came one by one and placed flowers at the foot of the picture. Fr. Pena preached in Spanish. A very large number of the people went to Communion. Then the procession marched back again. There were cages of birds, and homemade containers of chirping chicks, and other memories of Mexico.

May 2-6. The Provincials' Meeting will be held in California.

1944 Jubilarians

Fifty Years in the Society.

June 9, Fr. Robert V. Burns.
Fr. Hubert Flynn.
Fr. John J. Laherty.
Fr. John P. Madden.

June 27, Br. Joseph Pereira.

Aug. 4, Fr. Aloysius Roccati.

Aug. 23, Fr. Athanasius Biagini.

Aug. 26, Fr. Joseph Malaise.

Aug. 30. Fr. John Buschor.

Fifty Years a Priest.

June 25, Fr. Richard A. Gleeson.

At the Diamond Jubilee of Fr. Patrick Marnane, at Spring Hill, the beadle of the philosophers stated that in sixty years of religious life the Jubilarian had pulled himself out of bed at 5 a.m., 21,915 times; had made 43,830 examens and 191,490 visits to the Bl. Sacrament; had recited the Hail Mary 1,161,495 tims on his beads; had given Our Lord 350,640 hours of labor; had lived through 535,640 hours of community life.

Tuition can be charged. Under date of July 6, 1831, V.R. Fr. General granted the Jesuits in the United States a dispensation to receive tuition for school work. On May 16, 1930, Bishop Joseph Rosati of St. Louis had presented the case to V.R. Fr. General and to the S. Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. The Bishop maintained that the prohibition against tuition defeated the purpose of St. Ignatius. In this countr yit would not attract students, as parents would not send their boys to a free school. Moreover, the Fathers could not support thmselves. V.R. Fr. General, whose duty is to safeguard poverty, not lessen it, obtained the dispensation reluctantly. The California Province has a copy of the letter, the original of which should be in the Missouri archives.

DEATHS

Mother of Fr. Dumbeck.